# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

#### In Attendance:

Castro, Fernando Caltrans, District 7
Peterson, Gary Parsons Corporation

Poe, Lisa SANBAG

#### **SCAG**

Gutierrez, Pablo Mann, Betty Nadler, Jonathan Sangkapichai, Mana Sherwood, Arnie

#### **Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace RCTC

Behmanesh, Nasrin

Behtash, Arman

Brady, Mike

Parsons Corporation

Caltrans, District 12

Caltrans Headquarters

Cacatian, Ben VCAPCD

Chang, Paul Caltrans, District 12 Cooper, Keith ICF International

Kratovil, Amie FHWA Drummonds, Eyvonne SCAQMD

Gallo, Ilene Caltrans Headquarters
Malisos, Achilles RBF Consulting

Sonnenberg, Stew FHWA

O'Bannon, Joe Chambers Group O'Connor, Karina U.S. EPA, Region 9

Walecka, Carla Transportation Corridor Agencies

Yoon, Andrew Caltrans, District 7

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# 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Poe, SANBAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

# 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

### 3.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 3.1 **Approval Item**

3.1.1 <u>TCWG June 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes</u> The minutes were approved.

# 4.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
  - 1) IMP100606

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

2) LA990351

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

3) LA996347

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

4) ORA020115

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

5) ORA120522

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

6) SBD\_4351

It was determined that this was not a POAQC. (Caltrans, EPA, and FHWA concurrences were received after the meeting).

7) SR-18/Apple Valley Road intersection Improvement It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

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### 4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

#### 1) LA000512

The analysis deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation. (Caltrans, EPA, and FHWA concurrences were received after the meeting).

### 4.3 RTIP Update

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2008 RTIP Amendment #44 was under public review until August 4.
- Administrative Amendment # 49 submittal was due to SCAG by July 30.
- SCAG staff conducted three public hearings for the draft 2011 FTIP in the last two weeks and the public comment period would conclude on August 2.

### 4.4 RTP Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

• SCAG received a request for the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the 2008 RTP, and staff has started work on the amendment.

#### 4.5 SB 375 Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- ARB staff released the preliminary draft 2020 regional GHG emission reduction target range and the placeholder for the preliminary draft 2035 target range.
- The final ARB staff proposal would be released in August and the ARB Board will consider adoption of final regional targets in September.

# 4.6 <u>Conformity Update</u>

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- OCTA BRT TCM Substitution Update: SCAG Regional Council adopted the TCM substitution on July 1 and the TCM substitution has been forwarded to ARB and EPA for concurrence.
- 2008 RTP/RTIP Conformity Re-determination for 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS Update: SCAG Regional Council approved the conformity re-determination on July 1 and the conformity re-determination had been submitted to FHWA and FTA for approval.
- SR60 HOV Lane Conversion TCM Substitution Update: The 30-day public review for the draft TCM substitution report concluded on July 24 and only one comment was received. The comment corrected a typo in the location of the

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project in the report. The substitution will be presented to SCAG's EEC for approval and SCAG's RC for adoption in September. Upon RC adoption, the TCM substitution will be forwarded to ARB and EPA for concurrence.

#### 4.7 ARB UPDATE

None

#### 4.8 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

 EPA had already received some comments on the Draft PM Quantitative Hot-Spot Analysis Guidance and expected to receive more toward the end of the public comment period.

#### 4.9 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

 The VCTC's Call for Projects will be based on the anticipated extension of the current SAFETEA-LU program funding. A Subcommittee had looked at screening criteria and the consideration process was expected to start in October.

### 5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

### 6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Lisa Poe adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on August 24, 2010 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

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